Please amend Claim 1 as follows;

1.   (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising;

a photosensitive region for recording an a optical image of a human subject;

a controllable shutter for exposing the photosensitive region; and

a timer, the timer providing a selected time delay between a ~~first activation of the shutter and a second activation of the shutter, the photosensitive region not recording an optical image during the first activation of the shutter~~ simulated optical image acquisition and an actual optical image acquisition.

Please amend Claim 2 as follows.

2.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera as recited in Claim 1 wherein the ~~first activation of the shutter~~ simulated image acquisition is accompanied by sounds of typical shutter operation.

Please amend Claim 3 as follows.

3.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera as recited in claim 1 further comprising a flash mechanism, the flash mechanism receiving a low-power activation during the ~~initial shutter activation~~ simulated image acquisition.

Please Cancel Claim 4.

4.   (Currently Cancelled)   ~~The digital camera as recited in claim 1 wherein the first shutter activation is a simulation of signal acquisition.~~

5.   (**Cancelled**)

6.   (**Cancelled**)

7.   (**Cancelled**)

Please amend Claim 8 as follows.

8.   (Currently Amended)   A method of acquiring an image <u>of a human subject</u> with a digital camera having predetermined features, the method comprising:
      simulating <u>for the subject</u> the acquisition of an image <u>of the subject</u> by the digital camera; and
      after a preselected period of time, acquiring an image <u>of the subject</u> ~~with~~ <u>by</u> the digital camera.

Please amend Claim 9 as follows.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 8 wherein simulating the acquisition of an image <u>of the subject</u> includes providing the sights and sounds associated with the acquisition of an image <u>of the subject by the digital camera</u>.

1 **Please amend Claim 10 as follows.**

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3 10.   (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 8,

4 the method further comprising:

5   providing a program associated with a processing unit

6 for identifying the predetermined features <u>of the acquired</u>

7 <u>image of the subject</u>;

8   acquiring a series of images and applying the images

9 to the processing unit; and

10   analyzing the images using the program.

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12 **Please amend Claim 11 as follows.**

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14 11.   (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 10

15 wherein <u>an</u> ~~a first~~ <u>acquired</u> image, in which the

16 predetermined feature is identified, is stored.

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18 **Please amend Claim 12 as follows.**

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20 12.   (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 10

21 wherein the acquiring of a series <u>of</u> images is provided in

22 response to signals from a timing unit <u>in the digital</u>

23 <u>camera</u>.

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25 **Please amend Claim 13 as follows.**

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27 13.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera as recited in

28 claim 1 further comprising:

1   a first mode of operation, the digital camera in the
2 first mode of operation acquiring an image of the subject
3 in response to user input; and
4   a second mode of operation, the digital camera
5 simulating acquiring an image of the subject in response to
6 user input in the second mode of operation, the digital
7 camera acquiring an image at a preselected time after the
8 simulating acquiring an image.
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10 **Please amend Claim 14 as follows.**
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12 14.   (Currently Amended) The digital camera as recited in
13 claim 1 further comprising:
14   a first mode of operation, the digital camera
15 acquiring an image of the subject in response to user input
16 in the first mode of operation; and
17   a second mode of operation, the digital camera
18 selecting for acquisition an image of the subject having
19 predetermined features.
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21 15.   (Original)   The digital camera as recited in claim
22 14 wherein the predetermined features are determined by a
23 pattern recognition program.
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25 16.   (Original)   The digital camera as recited in claim
26 14 wherein the predetermined ~~features are~~ feature is a
27 facial expression.